

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Adele Mary Hammer was born on January 24, 1915, to Ivan and Eleanor (Warner) Hammer; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Adele married Roy F. Bebensee on June 11, 1932, and to that union five children were born, and they blessed her life with 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 1 great great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Adele worked with Roy on the farm near Colton until 1943 when they moved to a farm near Elkton and farmed there until 1976 when they moved into Elkton; and,

Whereas, Adele enjoys reading, jigsaw puzzles, a good game of cards, and spending time with her family; and,

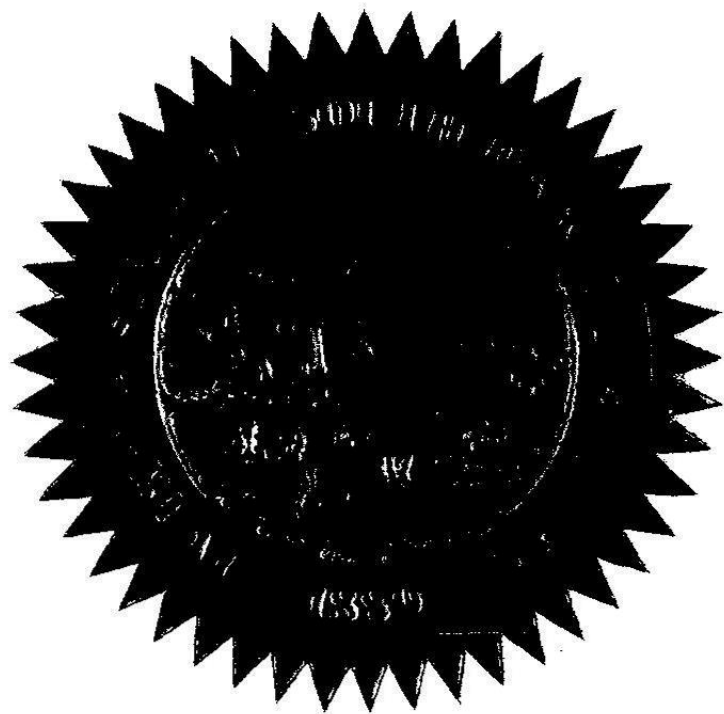
Whereas, Adele will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on April 23, 2005, in Elkton to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2005, as

ADELE MARY BEBENSEE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State